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BATTERY

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HV	4,876,495	10/24/89	Palanisamy et al.	320	18	
HW	4,937,528	6/26/90	Palanisamy	324	430	
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HY	5,179,335	1/12/93	Nor	320	21	
HZ	5,266,880	11/30/93	Newland	320	14	
IA	5,451,881	9/19/95	Finger	324	433	
IB	5,705,929	1/6/98	Caravello et al.	324	430	
IC	5,717,937	2/10/98	Fritz	395	750.01	
ID	5,862,515	1/19/99	Kobayashi et al.	702	63	
IE	5,895,440	4/20/99	Proctor et al.	702	63	
IF	5,929,609	7/27/99	Joy et al.	322	25	
IG	6,072,300	6/6/00	Tsuji	320	116	
IH	4,659,977	4/21/87	Kissel et al.	320	64	
II	4,913,116	4/3/90	Katogi et al.	123	425	
IJ	5,160,881	11/3/92	Schramm et al.	322	7	
IK	5,338,515	8/16/94	Dalla Betta et al.	422	95	
IL	5,537,967	7/23/96	Tashiro et al.	123	792.1	
IM	5,548,273	8/20/96	Nicol et al.	340	439	
IN	5,747,909	5/5/98	Syverson et al.	310	156	

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IU	5,347,163	9/13/94	Yoshimura	307	66	
IV	5,939,861	8/17/99	Joko et al.			
IW	5,339,018	8/16/94	Brokaw	320	35	
IX	5,412,323	5/2/95	Kato et al.	324	429	
IY	5,426,416	6/20/95	Jefferies et al.	340	664	
IZ	5,825,174	10/20/98	Parker	324	106	
JA	5,939,855	8/17/99	Proctor et al.	320	104	
JB	5,254,952	10/19/93	Salley et al.	324	429	
JC	4,217,645	8/12/80	Barry et al.	364	483	
JD	4,633,418	12/30/86	Bishop	364	554	
JE	5,321,626	6/14/94	Palladino	364	483	
JF	5,969,625	10/19/99	Russo	340	636	
JG	6,222,369	4/24/01	Champlin	324	430	
JH	6,225,808	5/1/01	Varghese et al.	324	426	
JI	6,249,124	6/19/01	Bertness	324	426	
JJ	6,259,254	7/10/01	Klang	324	427	
JK	6,262,563	7/17/01	Champlin	320	134	
JL	6,294,896	9/25/01	Champlin	320	134	
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	JR	5,633,985	5/27/97	Severson et al.	395	2.76
	JS	5,739,667	4/14/98	Matsuda et al.	320	5
	JT	4,024,953	5/1977	Nailor, III	206	344
	JU	6,250,973	6/2001	Lowery et al.	439	763
	JV	6,254,438	7/2001	Gaunt	439	755
	JW	6,304,087	10/16/01	Bertness	324	426
	JX	6,310,481	10/30/01	Bertess	324	430
	JY	6,313,607	11/6/01	Champlin	320	132
	JZ	6,313,608	11/6/01	Varghese et al.	32	132
	KA	6,316,914	11/13/01	Bertness	320	134
	KB	5,435,185	7/25/95	Eagan	73	587
	KC	5,445,026	8/29/95	Eagan	73	591
	KD	4,667,143	5/19/87	Cooper et al.	320	22
	KE	4,847,547	7/11/89	Eng, Jr. et al.	320	35
	KF	5,574,355	11/12/96	McShane et al.	320	39
	KG	4,663,580	5/5/87	Wortman	320	35

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KJ	National Semiconductor Corporation, "High Q Notch Filter", 3/69, Linear Brief 5, March 1969.
KK	Burr-Brown Corporation, "Design A 60 Hz Notch Filter with the UAF42", 1/94, AB-071, 1994.
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KO	6,331,762	12/18/01	Bertness	320	134	
KP	6,332,113	12/18/01	Bertness	702	63	
KQ	4,297,639	10/27/81	Branham	324	429	
KR	5,653,659	8/5/97	Kunibe et al.	477	111	
KS	6,161,640	12/19/00	Yamaguchi	180	65.8	
KT	4,351,405	6/28/82	Fields et al.	180	65	
KU	6,359,441	3/16/02	Bertness	324	426	
KV	4,047,091	9/1997	Hutchines et al.	363	59	
KW	5,653,659	8/1997	Kunibe et al.	477	111	
KX	5,637,978	6/1997	Kellett et al.	320	2	
KY	5,095,223	3/1992	Thomas	307	110	
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LE	"Alligator Clips with Wire Penetrators" J.S. Popper, Inc. product information, downloaded from http://www.jspopper.com/ , undated
LF	"#12: LM78S40 Simple Switcher DC to DC Converter", ITM e-Catalog, downloaded from http://www.pcbcafe.com , undated
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LI	6,140,797	10/2000	Dunn	320	105	
LJ	6,181,545	1/2001	Amatucci et al.	361	502	
LK	6,346,795	2/2002	Haraguchi et al.	320	136	
LM	6,347,958	2/2002	Tsai	439	488	
LN	6,351,102	2/26/02	Troy	320	139	
LO	6,359,441	3/19/02	Bertness	324	426	
LP	6,363,303	3/26/02	Bertness	701	29	
LQ	5,037,778	8/6/91	Stark et al.	437	216	
LR	6,144,185	11/7/00	Dougherty et al.	320	132	
LS	5,711,648	1/27/98	Hammerslag	414	786	
LT	5,927,938	7/27/99	Hammerslag	414	809	
LU	5,951,229	9/14/99	Hammerslag	414	398	
LV	5,961,561	10/5/99	Wakefield, II	701	29	
LW	5,961,604	10/5/99	Anderson et al.	709	229	
LX	6,236,332	5/22/01	Conkright et al.	340	825.06	
LY	6,351,102	2/26/02	Troy	320	139	
LZ	5,821,757	10/13/98	Alvarez et al.	324	434	
MA	6,167,349	12/26/00	Alvarez	702	63	

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MH	6,417,669	7/9/02	Champlin	324	426	
MI	6,424,158	7/23/02	Klang	324	433	
MJ	6,441,585	8/17/02	Bertness	320	132	
MK	6,445,158	9/3/02	Bertness et al.	320	104	
ML	6,384,608	5/7/02	Namaky	324	425	
MM	6,388,448	5/14/02	Cervas	324	426	
MN	6,307,349	10/23/01	Koenck et al.	320	112	
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MT	5,563,496	10/8/96	McClure	320	48	
MU	5,796,239	8/18/98	van Phuoc et al.	320	107	

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ND	4,686,442	8/11/87	Radomski	320	17	
NE	6,061,638	5/9/00	Joyce	702	63	
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NG	5,541,489	7/30/96	Dunstan	320	2	
NH	6,424,157	7/23/02	Gollomp et al.	324	430	
NI	6,534,993	3/18/03	Bertness	324	433	
NJ	6,544,078	4/8/03	Palmisano et al.	439	762	
NK	6,556,019	4/29/03	Bertness	324	426	
NL	6,566,883	5/20/03	Vonderhaar et al.	324	426	
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NN	6,597,150	7/22/03	Bertness et al.	320	104	
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OF	2003/0184306	10/2003	Bertness et al.	324	426	
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OJ	6,005,759	12/21/99	Hart et al.	361	66	
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OG	5,865,638	2/2/99	Trafton	439	288	
OH	3,796,124	3/12/74	Crosa	85	36	
OI	4,280,457	7/28/81	Bloxham	123	198	
OJ	4,160,916	7/10/79	Papasideris	307	10	
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